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ELECTROPHORESIS METHOD X

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority from French Application No. 01/00764, filed January 19, 2001, all of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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